

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Secretary of State  
for Research and Intelligence  
Director of Intelligence, General Staff, US Army  
Chief of Naval Intelligence  
Director of Intelligence, US Air Force

SUBJECT: IM-132: Harmon Committee Project

REFERENCE: Letter from Lt. General H. R. Harmon, USAF, to  
DCI, dated 10 February 1949 (Top Secret)

1. Pertinent excerpts from reference letter follow:

"The Committee would greatly appreciate....information  
....on the following items:

"PRODUCTION

"1. What is the estimated productive capacity of the USSR,  
satellite countries under Soviet domination, and of the remainder of  
continental Europe in the following items (any appropriate measure is  
acceptable):

- a. Steel
- b. Petroleum production
- c. Petroleum refining
- d. Aviation gasoline
- e. Chemicals
- f. Synthetic rubber
- g. Motor vehicles
- h. Guns
- i. Tanks and self-propelled guns
- j. Railroad equipment
- k. Electrical equipment
- l. Electronic equipment
- m. Shipbuilding
- n. Machine tools
- o. Bearings
- p. Airframes
- q. Aircraft engines

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"2. Confirmation is desired as to the distribution of the productive capacity in certain critical items among the urban areas shown in Enclosure 'A'. (Minor discrepancies are not of particular concern.)

"3. Is excess productive capacity being developed in critical systems?

"4. With what degree of accuracy do you consider your Agency is able to estimate the level and distribution of Soviet productive capacity?

"STOCKPILING

"1. To what extent is the USSR stockpiling:

- a. Military supplies
- b. POL products
- c. Food

"2. What is the general plan of such stockpiling?

"3. Where are known stock piles located?

"DEFENSIVE MEASURES

"1. What measures, which would minimize the effects of atomic attack, are being taken by the USSR?

"2. What extensive disaster control procedures, including radiological defense measures, have been promulgated?

"3. What process of dispersion into self-sufficient areas or into separated compartments is taking place in Soviet industry?

"4. Is the Soviet transportation system in process of being paralleled, and are present or previously existing vulnerable focal points being by-passed?

"5. Is the construction of underground factories, shelters, command posts or hangars in process?

"6. Are any installations being camouflaged?

"7. Are the Soviets practicing deception as well as security in regard to their industrial capacity and stockpiles?

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"The Committee would also appreciate your view as to the existence and reliability of any organized underground which is potentially capable of assuming or being placed in control of the Government of the USSR in the event of collapse of the existing Soviet regime."

2. Form and Deadlines.

Initially

The Committee wants an uncoordinated paper, but benefiting from working level coordination. Departmental contributions are required by CIA by 1200 Thursday, 3 March. Subsequently full coordination will be undertaken.

3. Content.

Figures desired are those for present production. The Committee will work in the factor of convertibility. Capacities, as distinguished from production, will be noted wherever these appear significantly different.

4. Departmental Requirements.

STATE

A short estimate of the psychological effect of atomic bombing on the Soviet will to wage war.

State views on Defensive Measures above.

ARMY

Production above: 1 h, 1; 2 (where pertinent).

Stockpiling above: 1 a; 2; 3.

Defensive Measures above: furnish such data as can be assembled readily.

NAVY

Production above: 1 m; 2 (where pertinent).

Stockpiling above: 1 a; 2; 3.

Defensive Measures above: furnish such data as can be assembled readily.

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AIR

Production above: 1 p, g; 2.

Stockpiling above: 1 a; 2; 3.

Defensive Measures above: furnish such data as can be assembled readily.

5. It is noted that the attachment to this memorandum is a copy of Enclosure to reference letter.

6. The above allocation of responsibility for submitting material should not preclude any agency from submitting data on other points, but the submission of additional data should not delay the preparation of data on items indicated herein.

7. Queries regarding this project should be addressed to:

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8. Please notify [REDACTED] immediately upon receipt of this memorandum of the departmental contact for this project.

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*for* THEODORE BARBITT  
Assistant Director  
Reports and Estimates

ATTACHMENT (photostat - 3 sheets)

"Industrial Importance of Selected Cities of the U.S.S.R."

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